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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed for filing in the application referenced above are the following:

- ☒ Response to Notice of Non-compliant Amendment
- ☒ Corrected Amendments to the Claims under 37 C.F.R. § 1.173
- ☒ Please charge any additional fees that may be required in connection with filing this amendment and any extension of time, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4550. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.
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## RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

This responds to the Notice of Non-compliant Amendment dated March 24, 2004.

The Notice states that the Amendment filed on March 15, 2004 failed to meet the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121. However, Applicants respectfully submit that 37 C.F.R. § 1.173 governs amendments in reissue applications. The Amendment complies with § 1.173. Nevertheless, to expedite prosecution of the application, applicants submit herein a corrected Amendments to the Claims section that includes a complete listing of all the claims in the application [see Notice of Non-compliant Amendment at item 4.A.] and complies with § 1.121 to the extent that it does not conflict with § 1.173. For example, although § 1.121(c)(2) requires that the text of currently amended claims shall be presented with markings indicating changes made relative to the immediate prior version of the claims, the text of claims 46-53 is still entirely underlined to show changes in comparison with the original patent. [See § 1.173; MPEP at § 1453.]

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